

David Mead - Opposition to HB 6162

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I am writing in opposition to HB 6162. These kind of laws are ridiculous. ATV's are OFF ROAD vehicles and aren't meant to be operated on paved roads, (see warning labels on machines). They cause thousands of deaths and injuries each year and exceed billions of dollars in medical and economic costs as well. When you start mixing them in with cars on paved roads you are going to be in for tremendous costs not to mention the emotional toll it takes on grieving families. In our opinion your state is going backwards when it comes to ATV safety laws. Most states are starting to reduce the places ATV's can go and who can ride them.....not add to them.

I truly believe you will start to see a huge increase with the numbers of deaths and injuries from ATV accidents if this law passes. West Virginia has lead the totals for several years because they have allowed these machines on roads with no center lines. Now they are trying to get these off paved roads all together so they can reduce their fatalities and cost to society.

A doctor in MA did a study and found that even though some states profit from ATV use, the long term costs from spinal cord and other life altering injuries from ATV crashes far outweighs/buries any profits ever made.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that ATV related injuries requiring emergency room treatment cost society over \$2.5 Billion annually and ATV's have killed an estimated 10,000 people from 1982-2008. Why would any state want to add to these totals by allowing their usage on paved roads?

Maybe your state should look into these kinds of cost and tragedies before promoting such warned against behaviors.

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